we spend a good sum of money, and the result is found to be unsatisfactory, then we may spend only a small amount.

Mr. C. Matthai.—I have made it clear that Rs. 7,600 is not the only amount that we spend.

President.—He wants the approximate amount.

Mr. C. Matthai.—It will come to between 25 and 30 thousand rupees approximately. The difficulty is that we give building grant in that particular school where 1/3 of the pupils belong to the depressed classes. Then, again, we give full grant, if there are 10 pupils of the depressed classes, and we don't generally insist on the minimum.

The recognition of private schools.

251. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform,—

(a) the number of private schools applied to recognition in the last three years but not recognised ;

(b) the number of schools recognised in the period referred to but not yet given grant, in spite of the request put in for grant ; the reason for not giving grant and the number of pupils in each school and in each class ?

Mr. C. Matthai.—

(a) Three.

(b) Four schools, viz.,

(1) The Holy Child's English School, Chiralayam.

Strength	Class III	30
	Class II.	30
	Class I	39
	Total	99

(2) The M. J. D. English School, Kunnamkulam.

Strength	Class IV	36
	Class III	40
	Class II	46
	Class I	63
	Total	185

(3) The St. Mary's Jubilee Memorial School, Irinjalakkuda.

Strength	Class IV	20
	Class III	30
	Class II	39
	Class I	64
	Total	153

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(4) The Durga Vilasam Lower Secondary School, Velur.

Strength	Form III	25
	Form II	19
	Form I	26
Preparatory	Class	30
	Total	100

These are English schools, and could not be aided for want of funds, the policy of Government being to encourage Malayalam schools.

The Vadakkancheri Primary Girls' School.

252. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur :—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware of the serious objection which the local public have in sending their girls to this (Vadakkancheri Primary Girls' School) distant hillside close to forest areas;

(b) has the Government any objection in locating in the said building any other public office now held in rented or highly inconvenient buildings and transferring the Girls' School to a more inhabited locality; if so, what are their objections?

Mr. C. Matthai :—(a) No. The present site satisfies many of the conditions of an ideal place for a school. There is no other public building in the locality half so suitable as this for the purpose.

(b) Vide answer above.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Did not some of the prominent men of the locality wait upon the Diwan, when he visited Vadakkancheri, to speak on the transfer of the Primary Girls' School, because there were complaints about the location of the school?

President.—I do not remember any deputation having waited upon me.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Not exactly a deputation, but some prominent men of the locality.

President.—I remember your coming to me and telling me that it is an inconvenient place, and that some office may be removed and the school conducted there. It may be a fact that it is a little distant. It satisfies all the necessary conditions for a Girls' High School. What you want is to get open air and to be away from the bustle and noise of the road. It is a secluded spot.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—There is difference between a Boys' School and a Girls' School. The guardians do not like to send their girls to uninhabited and remote places like the hillside. It may well suit for a Boys' School.

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